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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The undersigned certifies that either (1) each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication dated February 14, 2003 from a foreign patent office, a copy of which is enclosed, in connection with a corresponding Chinese patent application, not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement.

Please note that the reference JP-8153342 A, which has already been filed with the USPTO and the reference CN-1037790 A, which is cumulative to EP 0342748 A1, already filed, are not provided.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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